

Today we conclude our fall sermon series called "Re...Start." Throughout this series, which began on September 12, we have examined how the last 18 months have affected us in various ways - spiritual health, ability to have hope, generosity, evangelism, Bible study, and Christian community. As we wrap things up, we will dig into something that is a constant battle in our lives, whether or not we are experiencing a pandemic - the temptation to see this world as our true home. While we are certainly called by God to be godly stewards and have been commissioned to be witnesses to the world, because of Jesus we are no longer of this world. Rather, we are new creations and are to live accordingly. Throughout worship, you are encouraged to honestly consider the ways that these last 18 months may have made you worldly and ask the Holy Spirit to equip you "to be made new in the attitude of your minds." (Ephesians 4:32)

Sermon Notes ~ "Recommit"

- * *How have the past 18 months affected your commitment to the Christian life?*
- * *What does Jesus mean when He says that we are not of the world as He is not of it? (John 17:16)*
- * *How does the early Church provide an example of not being of the world?*
- * *What guidance does Paul give in Ephesians 4 on living out the Christian life?*
- * *In what ways can you recommit to living out your faith, regardless of what's happening in the world?*

Thank You ... for the beautiful quilt that was presented to me a couple of weeks ago in church. I truly appreciate the thought, effort, and skill that went into making this lovely gesture. May God bless you all! ~ Mary Jo

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

The week of October 24 at St. John!

Sunday Morning Bible Study ... This week, Pastor Stadler continues his 8-week study called "Strange Bible Stories We Did Not Read In Sunday School" by looking at Elijah being taken to Heaven and Elisha's miracles ... in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom at <https://bit.ly/StJohnBibleStudies>. Also, Pastor Dave continues a parenting study called "Households of Faith" in the Sanctuary.

Into the Future ...

We are ready to move on to the second part of our 2-year Capital Improvement Campaign. We are looking to upgrade our lighting and carpeting - especially in the Sanctuary. The early estimates for this project are around \$40,000. Please prayerfully consider continuing to support this campaign ... use the special envelopes or give online at stjohnwoodbury.org/give.

Get To Know St. John ...

Whether or not you're ready to become an official member, you're invited to Get To Know St. John on Saturday, October 30 at 10:00 am. Please register either at the Welcome Center or online (bit.ly/GetToKnowStJohnRegistration). You can join us in person at St. John or via Zoom (bit.ly/etToKnowStJohn2021).

Confirmation Mentorship ... We are looking for individuals who would like to serve as "mentors" to our confirmation students. This means that you will be paired with a student and you will commit to praying for them, saying "Hi" to them when you see them on Sundays, and sending them encouraging notes on occasion. If you're interested, contact Pastor Dave.

Central Point of the Week ...

The Word of God consistently reminds us that we are to be blessings in the world, but we are not to see it as our eternal home. Rather, we have been transformed by Christ and are to live faithful lives, no matter what's happening in the world around us.

In Our Prayers this week ...

Dale Marquardt, Pastor Vic & Joanne Meyr, Joe Mac, Patricia Franciskovic, Ginger Decker, Dave Bruder, Roger VanAndel, Susan Borscheid, Nancy Maag, Jane Hanson, Carla Galbreath, Mike Nash, Carlos Meza, Nancy Pederson, Breck Dorsher, Ben Anschutz, Aaron Koelman, Sam McGrath, Dorothy Barkley, Clara Krejci, Bartley Kohel, Joanne Dahlin, Kevin Portuguese, Mary Schultz, Peter Nyout, Oline Tolbert, Dolores Weir, Doug Lasker, Betsy Dehler, Marion Hastings, Gene Pommerening